

World Bank assistance for development of mines

3134. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank is providing financial assistance for development of mining sector in the country;

(b) if so, the details of financial allocation made by the World Bank during the last five years; and

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) No, Sir. The World Bank is not providing any financial assistance for the development of the non-atomic, non-ferrous and non-fuel mining sector in the country.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Earnings from suburban commuters

3135. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly 60 per cent railway commuters travel in suburban trains;

(b) if so, whether these 60 per cent contribute only 11 per cent of total revenue from passenger fare; and

(c) if so, the reasons for less realisation from suburban commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Although suburban passengers constitute about 60% of the total number of passengers, the suburban passenger kilometers account for only 19.75% of the total, because of short lead travels. The earning percentage is however even